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(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses a method for preparing an heterogenised catalyst component comprising the steps of: a) providing a halogenated precursor component of formula (I)  $-X-[-CH_2-]_n-CH_3$  b) reacting the halogenated precursor with an ionic liquid precursor in a solvent to prepare an ionic liquid;  $IL^+X^-$  c) optionally, reacting the intermediate  $IL^+X^-$  with a salt  $C^+A^-$ , wherein  $C^+$  is a cation that can be selected from  $K^+$ ,  $Na^+$ ,  $NH_4^+$ , and  $A^-$  is an anion that can be selected from  $PF_6^-$ ,  $SbF_6^-$ ,  $BF_4^-$ ,  $(CF_3-SO_2)_2N^-$ ,  $ClO_4^-$ ,  $CF_3SO_3^-$ ,  $NO_3^-$  or  $CF_3CO_2^-$ . d) using the ionic liquid prepared in step b) to heterogenise a metallocene component of formula (II)  $R''(Cp^*R^m)MQ_2$  wherein Cp and Cp' are independently selected from substituted or unsubstituted cyclopentadienyl groups M is a metal selected from Group 4 of the Periodic Table, R'' is a structural bridge imparting stereorrigidity between Cp and Cp' and Q is a halogen or an alkyl having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms; e) heterogenising the ionic liquid/metal system by addition of an apolar solvent inducing the precipitation reaction; f) retrieving a metallocene catalyst component heterogenised by an ionic liquid. It also discloses an active catalyst system heterogenised by an ionic liquid and its use in the polymerisation of olefins.